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Monthly Happenings

Office of English Learning and Migrant Education

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Important Information

Title III

- The Title III Application is posted for your convenience. While allocations have not been released, please begin completing the application to ensure timely submission.
- Please pay close attention to the nonpublic section and the requirements.
- The Application User Guide has been uploaded for your convenience during the completion process.
- Reminder: Title III grants are 27 month allocations.

EL Guidebook

-A guidebook has been designed as a reference for District and School personnel working with English learners (ELs). This is a living document which welcomes updates and changes from all stakeholders. Please take the time to review the handbook and offer any feedback you feel will make the book a success. You will be able to find the guidebook on [Learning Connection](#) very soon.

Learning Connection

-New materials and resources have been added on [Learning connection](#). Please help us build our database by uploading content-rich information.

We are excited to introduce new team members at the Office of English Learning and Migrant Education. Frequent communication will be delivered through newsletters and Learning Connection, where we value and solicit feedback and suggestions from our stakeholders throughout the state. We look forward to the exciting road ahead!

Save the Dates: Check out these awesome opportunities for PD!

-September 29-30, 2013-IN State Reading Association-Hyatt Regency-Indianapolis
"Reading and Writing: Getting to the Core"

-November 2, 2013, INTESOL Conference-IUPUI Campus Center-Indianapolis
"Inside and Out-Linking Language, Learning, and the Real World"



Charlie has joined the Office of Student Achievement and Improvement as the Director of Early Learning and Intervention. He will lead the office's efforts in English language learning and migrant education, Title I, and early learning. He joins us from MSD Washington Township where he served as ENL teacher, Instructional Coach, English Department Chair, ENL Coordinator, and most recently as the Curriculum Coordinator for Special Services. As the Curriculum Coordinator for Special Services, he focused on equity and excellence for all students and coordinated federal and state grants to serve over 1,500 English learners and refugee students speaking more than 75 languages. He also serves as the president of the Indiana Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages.



Rachel Davidson has joined the Office of English Learning and Migrant Education in the role of English Language and Migrant Education Coordinator. Rachel earned her BA in Spanish from the University of Georgia and her Masters in ESL Education from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She joins us from Washington Township where she worked as one of two ENL teachers at Greenbriar Elementary School, serving over 250 students. She also serves as the Vice President for Indiana Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages. Before moving to Indianapolis, Rachel worked as the sole ENL teacher at an inner city elementary school in Knoxville, Tennessee. Working with English learners is Rachel's passion, as she lived in Mexico during her high school years. Her experiences in learning Spanish give her the unique ability to understand the difficulties one faces in learning a new language.